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For: AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF IMAGE)
INFORMATION BETWEEN IMAGING)
DEVICE AND HOST SYSTEM)
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a Continuation of:)
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Application No. 09/003,732)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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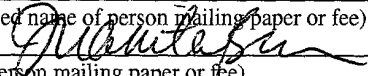
Prior to the examination of the above-identified Rule 53(b) Continuation Application,
applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

-- This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/003,732 entitled "AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF IMAGE INFORMATION BETWEEN IMAGING DEVICE AND HOST SYSTEM", filed on January 7, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice. Please add the following new claims 15-18.

1 15. (New) A method for transferring image information between an imaging device
2 and a host system, said method comprising:
3 the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;
4 in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image
5 information transfer from the imaging device; and
6 in response to the request, said image information is transferred from the imaging
7 device to the host system.

1 16. (New) The method as set forth in claim 15, wherein the host system detects the
2 coupling of the image device if the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

1 17. (New) A system to receive image information from an imaging device
2 comprising:
3 a processor;
4 an input port; and
5 a detection circuit, said detection circuit detecting the coupling of the imaging device to
6 the input port, and wherein said processor automatically requesting the image information to be
7 transferred from the imaging device in response to detecting the coupling of the image device to
8 the input port by the detection circuit.

1 18. (New) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when
2 executed by a processing system to perform an operation of transferring image information
3 between a host system and an imaging device, the operation comprising:
4 the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;
5 in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image
6 information from the imaging device; and
7 in response to the request, said image information is received from the imaging device
8 to the host system.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 15-18 have been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced by new claims 15-18.

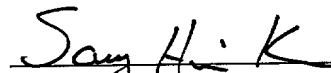
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Mike Kim at (408) 947-8200 x212.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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